

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

Illinois Commerce Commission)	
on its Own Motion)	
)	Docket No. 20-0309
In the Matter of Moratorium on Disconnection)	
of Utility Services during the Public Health)	
Emergency Declared on March 9, 2020)	
pursuant to Sections 4 and 7 of the)	
Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act)	

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Community Organizing and Family Issues (“COFI”), by its attorney, National Consumer Law Center (“NCLC”), petitions the Commission for leave to intervene in this proceeding as a party. In support of this Petition, NCLC states as follows:

1. COFI is a community-based not-for-profit center and resource for family-focused organizing, leadership development and community building focused on the well being of children, youth and families in low income and working families. COFI has offices in both Chicago and East St. Louis, Illinois. COFI’s work embraces a mission to strengthen the power and voice of low-income and working families at all levels of civic life – from local institutions and communities to the city and state policy arenas.

2. COFI’s members include low-income parents and grandparents who, in turn, have built local and citywide organizations that are fighting for change around issues affecting families. These leaders, primarily mothers and grandmothers, are winning improvements in their schools and communities, creating their own organizations and programs, and changing policies on critical issues that affect families. COFI’s innovative parent leadership and community organizing model, Family Focused Organizing, has engaged thousands of low-income African

American and Latino parents in improving preschools, schools, communities and public policies in Chicago, throughout Illinois and beyond.

3. COFI parents are impacted by policies of utilities in the state, including the respondents to this proceeding. For example, in addition to its City of Chicago and East St. Louis area work, COFI works intensively with families and parent leaders in Aurora, Elgin and Evanston, and has partnerships in West Chicago, Skokie, Oak Park. In previous years, COFI has likewise worked with families in Decatur, Springfield and some rural communities. In addition, COFI works for public policy change on a variety of statewide issues impacting low income and working families throughout the State of Illinois.

4. As utility customers of the respondent utilities, COFI members and parent leaders will be directly affected by the Commission's decisions related to credit and collections procedures adopted in this proceeding.

5. The undersigned attorney agrees to accept service by electronic means.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner COFI respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Petition to Intervene and treat COFI as a party to this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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